Reply of Government.—Not necessary now.

Subject No. 56.

Arguments by Lawyers in Courts to be in Kanarese.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao of Mysore Taluk.
Mr. Amble Annaiya Pandit.

Summary of Discussion.—It is requested that in Lower Courts arguments in original suits may be ordered to be made in the Kannada language.

Reply of Government.—As a rule the pleadings and arguments in Munsiffs' Courts are in Kanarese. But it is impossible to avoid the English language when a Pleader refers to decided cases or argues upon the interpretation of a Regulation. The existing practice appears to be sufficient.

Subject No. 57.

Partition of houses within the Municipal limits under Civil Court decrees.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya.
" M. C. Ranga Iyengar.
" Madappa.
" Anantharajaiya of the Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of Discussion.—It is requested that Civil Court decrees for the partition of houses and lands within the Municipal limits may be ordered to be forwarded to the Presidents of the Local Municipalities for execution with power either to partition such property or assign the whole or any portion of it to one of the parties and pay the proportionate value thereof to the other or others.

Reply of Government.—The representation is with special reference to the Mysore City, and is because Civil Courts are stated to make partition irrespective of ventilation. The matter will be referred to the Trust Board for their opinion.

Subject No. 58.

Holding the Manjarabad Assistant Commissioner's Court for Six months at Belur.

Messrs. Anantakesavachar, M. Mallegowad and B. Payanna Setty.

Summary of Discussion.—The Court of the Sub-Division Magistrate is located at Saklespur. It may be caused to be held for six months at Belur and six months at Saklespur.

Reply of Government.—The rules already provide for all divisional Assistant Commissioners touring constantly in their taluks. No special rule for the Assistant Commissioner of Saklespur, in addition to this, is necessary.

Subject No. 59.

Honorary Magistrates.

Messrs. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, M. C. Ranga Iyengar, Madappa and Anantharajaiya of Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of Discussion.—The constitution of a Bench of Honorary Magistrates is proposed for the Mysore City.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

Subject No. 60.

Appellate powers against the convictions and sentence passed by Magistrates.

Mr. Nadig Sivappa, Sorab Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—It is feared that failure of justice may occur by the executive officers such as Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners exercising appellate powers in criminal cases. In the interests of justice it is solicited that this power of hearing appeals may be delegated to District Judges and Sub-Judges.

Reply of Government.—Not feasible.

Subject No. 61.

Batta to witnesses in Criminal cases.

Messrs. Srinivasa Rao and Rama Rao, (Malur Taluk).
Mr. Seenappa, Shanbhog, (Bangalore District

Summary of Discussion.—There is no sort of remuneration whatever to witnesses coming in criminal cases. The witnesses have to travel a long distance, not to speak of the expenses involved, whenever cases are adjourned. On failure of attendance, warrants are issued. It is prayed that witness batta may be allowed to the people as is done in Civil Courts.

Reply of Government.—Under the rules made by the Judicial Commissioner in 1869, the payment of batta to witnesses in Magisterial Courts is limited to those who are poor or whose expenses are considerable. No change is possible now. Will be considered in the future.

Subject No. 62.

Divesting Amildars of Police and Magisterial functions.

Mr. Subba Rao of Heggadevankote Taluk.
Mr. Nadig Sivappa, Sorab Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—The question of divesting Amildars of Police and Magisterial functions is under discussion for the past several years. As no satisfactory result can be expected from Amildars who are not impartial in the exercise of such powers, it is prayed that they may be divested of one of the functions.

Mr. Subba Rao.—"It is preferable to divest Amildars of Police functions"

Messrs. Amble Annaiya Pandit, Magadi Krishnamurti C. Vasudeva Rao, Turuvekere Naranappa and several others—"Amildars should have Police functions as at present; otherwise, Police Inspectors and others will greatly harass the people."

Mr. Krishna Murti.—"If possible Police power may be given to Divisional Assistant Commissioners."

Mr. D. Gopalachar of Devanhalli.—"It is enough if Police cases are not cognized by the Taluk Amildars in other respects the existing practice should be retained."

Reply of Government.—The question of divesting Amildars of Police powers has been referred to the Police Regulation Committee.

Subject No. 63.

Investing Taluk Sheristadars with 3rd Class Magisterial powers.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao of Mysore Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—It will be to a certain extent relief to Amildars and convenience to the public, if Taluk Sheristadars in charge of Treasuries are invested with 3rd class Magisterial powers.

Withdrawn.

Subject No. 64.

Investing Revenue Inspectors (Sheikdars) under the new Scheme, with powers for entertaining and disposing of certain Civil suits.

Mr. Lingegowda of Mysore Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—Civil Courts being very heavily worked, cases are allowed to drag on for a very long time before they are disposed of. As under the new scheme Revenue Inspectors (Sheikdars are to be appointed), it is prayed that these may be empowered to entertain and dispose of Civil suits for amounts not exceeding Rs. 10 with the aid of panchayatdars and if both parties come to an amicable settlement among themselves, then suits of the value of Rs. 250 may also be disposed of by the Revenue Inspectors.

Reply of Government.—The subject was first mooted in 1899. It is not possible to comply with the representation.

Subject No. 65.

Transfer of the Tumkur 2nd Assistant Commissioner's office to Tiptur.

Mr. Tiptur Sivananjappa.

Summary of Discussion.—The 2nd Assistant Commissioner, Tumkur District, is placed in charge of the Tiptur, Gubbi and Chiknayakanhalli Taluks. Sometimes parties have to travel some 40 or 50 miles to Tumkur and are thereby put to great inconvenience. Moreover, owing to frequent changes in the running of trains, people do not